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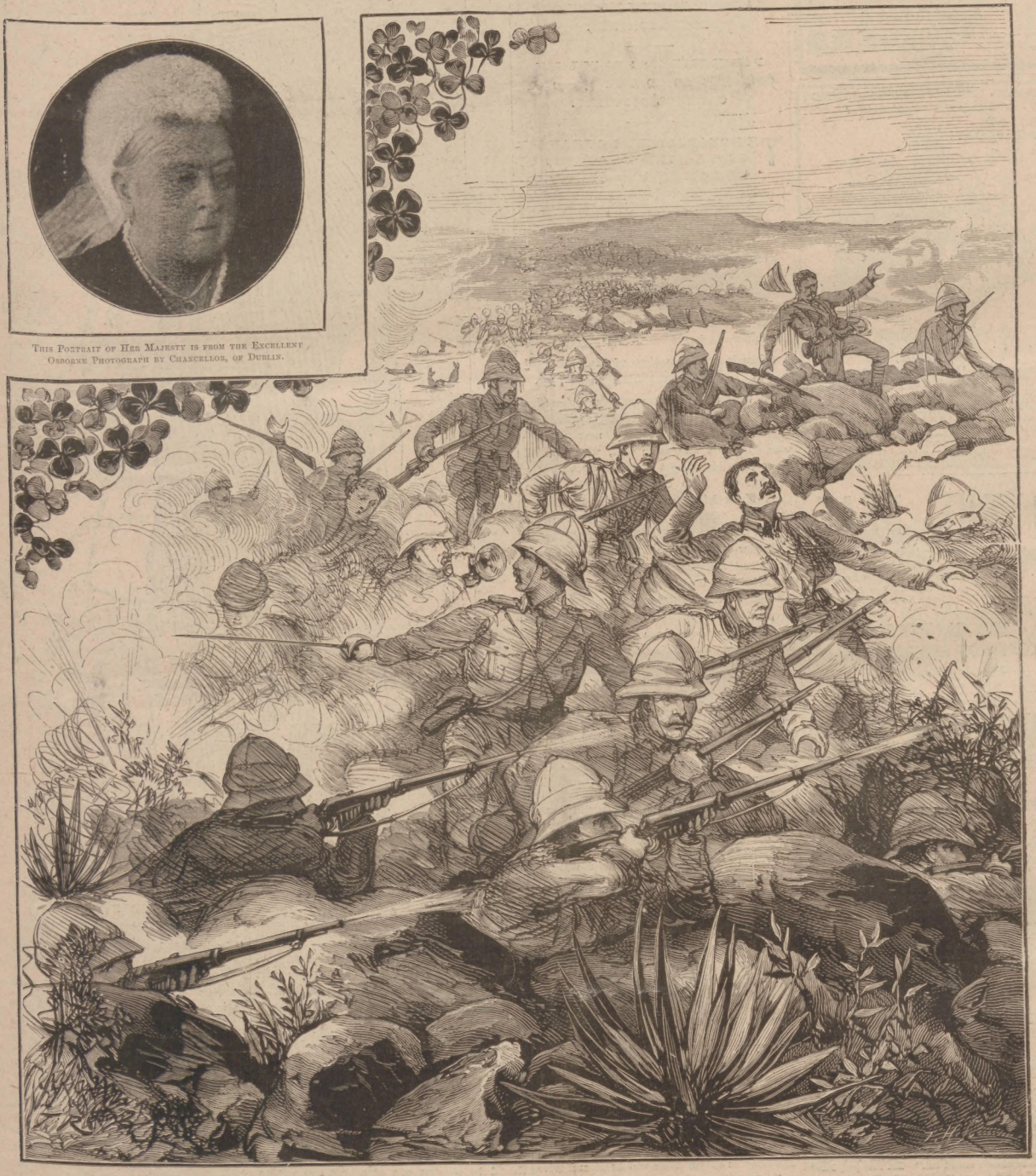

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The Third Volume of Mr. Fred T. Jane's Cosmopolitan Naval Annual, "All the World's Fighting Ships," will make its appearance about the latter part of April. A number of drastic changes have been effected. The work has just been purchased by a Naval Syndicate, of which Mr. Fred T. Jane is the managing director; but it will continue to be published in London by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, and Co.

"Southern Cross" Expedition.—A cable message was received on Monday from Captain Borchgrevinck, conveying the welcome intelligence that the *Southern Cross*, which sailed from the Thames last August on a voyage of Antarctic discovery, has reached Stewart Island, the extreme southern point of New Zealand. The sledge penetrated as far south as 78 deg. 50 min., and the present position of the South Magnetic Pole is said to have been located, and "the object of the expedition carried out." The zoologist, Mr. Nicolai Hansen, has died.

THE "P.I.P." NARRATIVE OF THE BOER WAR.

OUR NOBLE QUEEN'S PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO IRISH VALOUR AT THE FRONT.

HER MAJESTY VISITS IRELAND WHEN CLOSE UPON EIGHTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

GENERAL JOUBERT'S DEATH.

BOERS REPULSED NEAR BRANDFORT.

COLONEL BROADWOOD CAUGHT IN A BOER AMBUSH NORTH OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

FRESH WARNING TO BRITISH OFFICERS AS TO THE NEED OF CAREFUL SCOUTING.

THE CHARACTERISTIC BRAVERY OF THE IRISH SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN in several closely contested battles in South Africa unquestionably brought about the abandonment of Her Majesty's intended Riviera holiday, and her resolve to visit loyal Ireland instead. This was one of the wisest decisions of her beneficent reign. Albeit the Duke of Connaught has publicly stated that it was a resolution come to by the Queen herself, who wished to prove in the most practical manner the heartiness of her appreciation of the self-sacrificing

Pluck and Devotion of Her Irish Regiments,

yet it is at the same time not improbable that the gallant soldier-son of Her Majesty himself—Commander-in-Chief of the near future—counselled this seasonable visit, which we all trust may be fraught immediately with the happiest results to the Emerald Isle. From the intrepid Hibernian troops who first taught the Boers what the bayonet meant in the earliest battles in Natal to the youthful heroism of Bugler Dunne in crossing the Tugela; from the gallant charges of the Inniskilling Dragoons and the Dublin Fusiliers to the fearless rush of the Inniskilling Fusiliers and Dublins up the steep of death on Pieters Hill — our Irish fighting-men have been in the van, and have poured out their blood like water in battling as of yore for their Queen and the Empire, in the making of which they have taken so brilliant a part. Scotsmen, Welshmen, Englishmen—we are all proud of the splendid deeds of our Irish brethren. The beloved Queen of all the Peoples who form the British Empire—never so firmly consolidated as it is at the present day, grace to the parallel bravery of our Cape and Canadian, Natal and Australasian troopers on many a blood-stained field and kopje—has gone to the Irish Capital to testify in unmistakable terms her love for her valiant subjects on the other side of St. George's Channel, where hearts beat so warmly, and beauty and humour brighten the land. Right well has the feeling of the moment been summed by Mr. Gabriel Thorpe, a popular baritone, in this

New "Wearin' of the Green" Song,

sung by himself, and graciously accepted by Sir Arthur Biggé on behalf of Her Majesty—

Oh, Paddy dear, and did ye hear
The glad news goin' round—
Once more our Empire's Queen will set
Her feet on Irish ground?
So now St. Patrick's Day we 'll keep
Well deck'd wid shamrocks green,
And bless our gallant soldier-lads
And our belovèd Queen.
I met wid Phelim Hogan,
And he took me by the hand,
And he said, "How 's dear ould Ireland,
And how does she stand?"
She 's the most delighted counthry
That iver yet was seen;
For they 're singin' there wid heart and voice
"God save our Irish Queen!"
So when the shamrock now we wear
We 'll think of our brave dead,
Those gallant Irish soldier-lads
Who for the right have bled.
So stick the shamrock in your hat,
And thank Almighty God
That Ireland now has found a place,
Though underfoot long trod.
And as God's will has made the green
A brave and Royal show,
In our dear isle with brighter tint
The lov'd plant now will grow.
So in our hats for ever, then,
The shamrock will be seen,
To mind us of "St. Pathrick,"
"Gallant Bobs," and our dear Queen.

That Her Majesty is ever promptest to evince her high esteem of a brave and honest man,

THE LATE GENERAL JOUBERT AT "THE FRONT."

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whether friend or foe, has been proved over and over again. The Queen was one of the first to cable a message of sympathy to Madame Joubert when the sad news came of the death of her husband, Commander-in-Chief of the Boers and an honourable enemy.

The Death of General Joubert

took place from peritonitis at Pretoria on March 24; and it is no exaggeration to say that his demise was not only deeply lamented by the Boers, whose independence he fought for so steadfastly, but was also regretted by the British Army in South Africa, for he was the most highly respected of the Transvaal Commanders. The funeral took place on Friday, March 30, at Rustfontein, near Wakkerstroom. It was General Joubert's wish that the ceremony should be a quiet one of a civil and private nature, and that military honours should not be rendered. It was, however, the most imposing national pageant ever held in the Transvaal. The British officers at Pretoria sent a wreath of flowers as a tribute of their respect and regret. President Kruger pronounced a powerful oration over the grave.

"A Soldier and a Gentleman, and a Brave and Honourable Opponent"—such was the tribute Sir George White paid to the memory of General Joubert on the day of his death in an eloquent speech the heroic defender of Ladysmith made at Cape Town prior to his departure for England.

A man of steadfast principle, Petrus Jacobus Joubert stood out against the annexation of the Transvaal to Great Britain even when Paul Kruger deemed it politic to yield, or to feign to yield. Joubert was not an ignorant boor like Krüger or Cronjé, but a man of considerable attainments and travel. Among other things, he taught himself law, and practised it; and it is freely said that when he was a young man, between 1862 and 1865, he visited America and fought in the Civil War on the Confederate side

Under General Stonewall Jackson.

It is certain that he was the only Boer leader who had any wide knowledge of military matters. In all ways he stood head and shoulders above the Pretoria gang, both for ability and honesty. He was, as his name suggests, of French stock. Joubert's ancestor was a Huguenot exile, and he was born about 1834 at Cango, near Georgetown, in Cape Colony. He was early left an orphan, and he educated himself. He took to stock-farming, speculated in farm land, and finally studied law, and was recognised as a good lawyer at Wakkerstroom.

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In 1862 he sat in the Volksraad—and then for a year or two he disappeared. He was at one time Attorney-General, but he would have nothing to do with the concluding Administration of the sentimental and hare-brained President Burgers, under whom the Transvaal became bankrupt, and was taken over by Sir Theophilus Shepstone in the name of the Queen. From that time dated

Joubert's Opposition to Kruger.

On two or three occasions Joubert opposed Kruger in the election for the Presidency; and in 1893 he was only beaten by a very small majority. But it is in his career as a Commander in the field that he secures our greatest interest. In the (to us) unfortunate campaign of 1880-81 he was Commander-in-Chief; and there can be little doubt that the general plan of campaign was his. He arranged for the siege of Potchefstroom, Pretoria, and other places where there were small British garrisons, while he himself saw and seized the advantage of opposing the British troops at

Laing's Nek and Majuba Hill,

where, as he afterwards said, the Boer sharpshooters were able from their shelters to shoot the British "like so many rabbits." Joubert is said to have been considered too old-fashioned and cautious in the present war by the young fire-eaters he commanded, and to have pushed so far into Natal as he did against his better judgment. But, however that may be, he was a capable and honourable opponent, as Sir George White certifies, and his name is sullied by no such iniquities as those of the siege of Potchefstroom, which soil the fame of Cronjé.

Lord Roberts on Joubert.

Reuter's indefatigable agent at Pretoria informs us that the following message has been received by President Kruger from Lord Roberts—

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 30.

I have just received the news of General Joubert's death. I desire at once to offer my sincere condolence with your Honour and the burghers of the South African Republic on this sad event.

I would ask you to convey to the General's family the expression of my respectful sympathy in their bereavement, and to assure them also from me that all ranks of Her Majesty's forces now serving in South Africa deeply regret the sudden and untimely end of so distinguished a chief, who devoted his life to the service of his country, and whose personal gallantry was only surpassed by his humane conduct and chivalrous feelings in all circumstances.

Commandant Louis Botha

has been designated by President Kruger to succeed General Joubert as Commandant-General of the Boer Forces. Botha has made a name for himself during the present campaign. He commanded the Boers at Spion Kop, and is now with the enemy in the north of Natal, where he is at present the senior of the Boer Generals.

The Boers Beaten Near Brandfort.

The elation momentarily occasioned in London by the news of the success north of Bloemfontein at the close of last week was of short duration, for the intelligence soon after reached us of a regrettable loss of British guns, which loss ought, with due care, assuredly to have been avoided.

Lord Roberts's official account of the first engagement was in the following terms—

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 30, 2.25 p.m.

Owing to activity of enemy in our immediate front and their hostile action towards burghers who had surrendered under terms of my proclamation, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they occupied

Near the Karee Siding Station,

few miles south of Brandfort. Operation was successfully carried out by Seventh (Tucker's) Division, assisted by 1st and 3rd Cavalry Brigades, under French, and Le Gallais' Regiment Mounted Infantry. Enemy retreated to Brandfort, and our troops now hold kopjes.

Our Casualties were—

Killed: Captain Going, Scottish Borderers. Wounded: Captain W. D. Sellar: Lieutenant B. J. Coulson, Scottish Borderers (slight flesh, and spine wounds severe); Captains Luard and Peebles, Norfolk Regiment (slight flesh wounds); Captain W. C. Curgenven, South Wales Borderers; Captain L. Edwards, Lincoln Regiment; Lieutenant C. N. French, Hampshire Regiment (nature of these wounds not signalled), and about one hundred rank and file.

THE LATE GENERAL JOUBERT.

From a Photograph by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street, W.

The Scottish Borderers, the Hants, Lincolns, and South Wales Borderers

gained the honours of the day (wired the alert *Daily News* Special), advancing in perfect order over difficult ground, consisting of rough boulders and a tangled mass of scrub, which galled all, while bullets from unseen rifles kept dropping among them. When each kopje was gained, however, they obtained a view of the retreating Boers, and were able to return their fire with some effect.

Kipling an Eye-Witness.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling was present with Colonel Le Gallais' brigade during the attack.

The Boer Version.

General Smuts engaged the British on March 29 at Mafelkop, south of Brandfort, and held them at bay for six hours. The burghers fought well. The casualties are not known.

The *Standard's* correspondent, who witnessed the battle, said: There is lamentable evidence that the Boers used soft-nosed bullets. On the whole, it is doubtful whether the results of the operation are quite commensurate with the loss of life it has entailed.

"Bobs'" Explanation of How Colonel Broadwood Fell into an Ambush.

It is impossible for even ubiquitous Lord Roberts, all-watchful though he is, to be in two places at once to ensure vigilance and prudence as well as inspire enthusiasm. But manifestly the lessons of this War should have taught every British officer to be more cautious than the leader of this luckless expedition appears to have been.

This is how Lord Roberts put the matter in his despatch from Bloemfontein on Sunday last to the Marquis of Lansdowne—

"I have received the news late yesterday afternoon from Broadwood, who was at Thaba Nchu, thirty-eight miles east of this place, that information had reached him that the enemy were approaching in two forces, from the north and from the east. He stated that, if the report proved true, he would retire to the Waterworks, seventeen miles nearer Bloemfontein, at which place we have had a detachment of two companies of mounted infantry for the protection of the works.

"Broadwood was told in reply that the 9th Division, with Martyr's Mounted Infantry, will march at daylight to-day to support him, and that if he considers it necessary he should retire from the Waterworks. He moved there during the night and bivouacked. At dawn to-day he was shelled by the enemy and attacked

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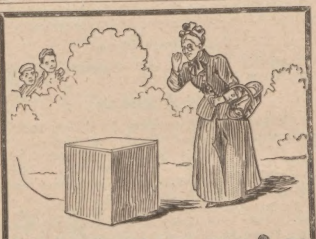

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Just as he mounted, the Boers were upon him. He had no time to draw his sword, so lay about him with the butt end of his carbine, and cut his way through them.

BRITISH BRAVERY AT RENSBURG:
HOW PRIVATE CRANSTON KNOCKED OVER A BRACE OF BOERS.

on three sides. He immediately despatched his two Horse Artillery batteries and his baggage towards Bloemfontein, covering some of them with his cavalry. Some two miles from the Waterworks the road crosses a deep nullah, or spruit, in which during the night

A Force of Boers Had Concealed Themselves.

So well were they hidden that our leading scouts passed over the drift without discovering them, and it was not until the wagons and guns were entering the drift that the Boers showed themselves and opened fire. Many of the drivers and artillery horses were at once shot down at short range, and several of the guns were captured. The remainder galloped away, covered by Roberts's Horse, which suffered heavily. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Chestermaster, of Rimington's Scouts, had found a passage across the spruit unoccupied by the enemy, by which the remainder of Broadwood's force crossed and reformed with great steadiness, notwithstanding all that had previously occurred.

"Broadwood's report, which has just reached me and which contains no details, states that he

Lost Seven Guns

and all his baggage. He estimates all his casualties at about 350, including

Over 200 Missing.

"On hearing this morning that Broadwood was hard pressed, I immediately ordered French, with the two remaining Cavalry Brigades, to follow in support of the 9th Division. The latter, after a magnificent march, arrived on the scene of action shortly after 2 p.m.

"Broadwood's force consisted of the Household Cavalry, 10th Hussars, Q and U Batteries Royal Horse Artillery, and Pilcher's battalion of Mounted Infantry. The strength of the enemy is estimated at from 8000 to 10,000, with guns, the number of which is not yet reported."

Broadwood's Presence of Mind.

Reuter's War Special described the sad scene which met the eyes of General French's cavalry when they reached the spruit last Sunday—

"Horses lay stretched out in the various attitudes of sudden death, and every here and there was a dead soldier. Broken-down wagons, food, and forage lay scattered about, and the whole scene told a terrible tale.

"It is impossible to conceive a more ingenious trap than that into which the convoy fell. It was only Colonel Broadwood's presence of mind which enabled a single member of the party to escape from the drift."

Bravery of U Battery.

"But it was not known then [continued Reuter's smart representative] how gallantly U Battery had behaved. This battery, escaping from the rear of the convoy under heavy fire, came into action and shelled the enemy with its four remaining guns. The Boers confess that its fire accounted for five killed and nine wounded on their side."

General French's Cavalry were Called Up Too Late

(cabled the *Daily News* Special from Bloemfontein last Sunday night) "to prevent the Boers carrying off the seven guns captured early that morning with nearly the whole convoy. No pursuit was attempted, the enemy's rearguard being in possession of a strong range of kopjes covering all the roads towards the north-east.

"This morning (Sunday) the cavalry reconnoitring found the Boers still at the Waterworks, where the machinery has been destroyed, cutting the Bloemfontein main supply.

"General Colvile's Division advanced in the afternoon, General French's cavalry covering the infantry, and located the enemy owing to their fire from a rough ridge astride the Thaba Nchu road. They then moved to the left, menacing the Boer line of retreat. The enemy showed strongly about the jagged crests of the high hill to the northward.

"A horse battery left to shell the Boers at the Waterworks, whence they seem to be clearing hurriedly in the direction of the Thaba Nchu road. Failing to bring them into action, our force retired to the ridges near Boesman's Kop, and bivouacked for the night."

Lord Roberts concluded his second despatch on Sunday with these words: "A report has just come in that the enemy have retired towards Ladybrand, leaving twelve wounded officers and some seventy men at Waterworks. We are now sending ambulance for them."

A strong Boer commando which came from Ladybrand in the direction of the Waterworks (said the Central News Correspondent) is reported to be almost decimated as a result of the rapid movements of General French's cavalry, and it is stated to be certainly incapacitated for future service.

The *Standard* Correspondent stated that Prince Teck (? the Duke of Teck) was in charge of the transport, but is safe.

No doubt is entertained at Bloemfontein, added the Central News Correspondent, that the captured guns and wagons will be recovered. Indeed, the *Daily Chronicle* actually reported that they had been retaken.

General Clements Occupied Fauresmith

on March 27 without opposition. One 9-pounder and one Martini-Maxim were discovered in prospecting-shaft of mine, and large quantity of ammunition buried. Arms are being surrendered gradually, and inhabitants are settling down.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher Visited Ladybrand

on March 26. On leaving the town he was attacked by a party of the enemy. A private of the 10th Hussars was wounded, and five men were missing.

Methuen's Return to Kimberley.

Lord Chesham's Yeomanry returned to Kimberley on March 30 from the expedition which was their initiation into campaigning.

A column of about 600 of the Yorks, Sherwood Foresters, Bucks and Berks men, supported by Militia with guns, Lord Methuen personally commanding, left Kimberley on Sunday week for the rebellious portions of Griqualand West beyond the river, but returned by order of Lord Roberts.

"Bobs" says, "The Relief of Mafeking is Engaging my Most Earnest Attention."

One of the active Correspondents of the *Daily News* states that Lord Roberts has replied to an appeal from East London—

"I am pleased to assure the citizens of East London that the relief of Mafeking is engaging my most earnest attention."

Colonel Kekewich was despatched to join the Mafeking relief force.

Colonel Baden-Powell reported on March 10—

"General health and spirits good. The locally made gun, searchlight, and ammunition work successfully, also the paper currency, to which he is now adding £1 notes. Food holding out well."

A Reuter telegram from the Boer camp at Smaldeel reports fighting on Saturday last north of Mafeking, in which Colonel Plumer's column, which had apparently made another advance, was compelled again to retire.

The *Referee* of Sydney has started a shilling subscription to buy for "B.-P." the best Australian horse, saddled with Australian leather, and also a sword of honour mounted in Australian gold. Australia's gallant troopers fought bravely again at the Battle near Brandfort. "Advance, Australia!"

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Buller at Ladysmith

waited till his men and the garrison had thoroughly recuperated before making an onward movement towards the Boer forces intervening between him and the Transvaal. An officer at Ladysmith has informed the *Devon and Exeter Gazette* that Her Majesty telegraphed: "Greatly admire the conduct of the Devonshire Regiment."

The men, says the officer, were so pleased and proud with this expression of admiration from their Sovereign that they are ready to go anywhere and do anything to show their loyalty.

The Earl of Rosslyn,

who has travelled through the mountains from Ladysmith, reached Maseru on Sunday. He stayed with Sir Godfrey Lagden, and intended to leave for Bloemfontein.

Escape of British Officers.

Captain Haldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, and Lieutenant Le Mesurier, of the Dublin Fusiliers, who escaped some time ago from the Model School at Pretoria, arrived at Lourenço Marques on April 2.

Five Sons at the Front: The Queen's Gift.

The Queen has forwarded through Dr. Sinclair Boyd, of Belfast, the sum of £5 to an aged couple named Hamill, whose five sons are serving at the front.

In his letter Sir Fleetwood Edwards says Her Majesty is much gratified at hearing the fact, and the money is forwarded not only as a mark of her interest in and appreciation of the same, but because the donation may be of use to the parents under their present circumstances.

In describing the death of Lieutenant Tait, Private James Scott says: "I was just two yards behind him. He cried out, 'They have done for me this time.' I cried up to him, 'Where are you shot, Sir?' and he said, 'I don't know.' He had been shot through the heart, and never spoke again."

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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

OXFORD UNEXPECTEDLY WIN THE SPORTS.

MY anticipations with regard to the sports at the Queen's Club on Friday, March 30, were not realised. I did not reckon upon the absence of the Cambridge sprinter, Hind, nor could I foretell the breakdown of Jones, the Light Blue long-jumper. It was not a matter of certainty that the former would win, though form pointed to such a contingency, but everybody regarded as a foregone conclusion Jones's success in the long jump. Had this latter prognostication proved correct the result would have been the same as in 1899—a tie. As it was, Oxford won by six events to four. The winners finished first (Thomas) and second in the hundred, or, rather, the two Oxonians dead-heated. Thomas had won thrice previously, so his performance at this year's meeting created a record. In three other events the Oxford men occupied the two leading places—namely, the high jump, in which Henderson did 5 ft. 9½ in.; the hammer, won by Greenshields with 115 ft. 2 in.; and the weight, in which May accomplished the creditable put of 36 ft. 8 in. The quarter also went to Oxford through Hollins, and Davison's absence, though regrettable and a disappointment to Cambridge, would have probably made no difference. As inferred, the other success of Oxford

H. A. Jones (Cambridge), fourth in Long Jump.

THE LONG JUMP.

was in the long jump, won by Kelly with 21 ft. 8 in., a moderate effort compared with those of recent years. For Cambridge Paget-Tomlinson won the hurdles, Cockshott the mile, Graham the half, and Workman the three miles. The racing was not particularly exciting, though Cowan pushed Graham along in the half and Dawson kept close on the heels of Workman until the last lap of the three-mile race. Of the performances, however, one can only say that, on the whole, they were excellent. The afternoon was very favourable, but the attendance was not so good as usual, this being due to some extent to the influence of the troubles in South Africa. There was a strong muster of Old Blues, more easily "spotted" than in some years when the enclosures have been densely thronged.

Boat-Race Expectations Fully Realised

That Cambridge would win the fifty-seventh Inter-University Boat-race the great majority held as a certainty. Before the home waters were left they were the better crew, and whatever hope there may have been for Oxford

F. G. Cockshott (Uppingham and Trinity College, Cambridge),

WINNER OF THE MILE RACE.

was spoilt by their ill-luck in losing more than one good man. The Dark Blues were well looked after, and by dint of good coaching they were made to work well together, but they were out-classed. Saturday's race fully proved that Cambridge crew, which included six old Blues, was one of the best ever produced. Not only did the Light Blue eight row in most excellent style, but they maintained a fine rate of speed the whole way, and though Oxford were unable to press them at any stage of the race,

Cambridge Equalled the Time Record

of 18 min. 47 sec. (official), and won by twenty lengths, also official. Oxford gained the right to start from the better station, but Cambridge at once went to the front. The winners held a lead of two lengths at Craven Steps; they were eight lengths in front at Hammersmith Bridge, reached in 7 min. 10 sec., and went on increasing their advantage to the end, always rowing in good form. Except that their recovery was slow, the Oxonians also rowed in good style; but they lacked altogether the dash and go of their rivals. The record they equalled was made in 1893 by Oxford, who still possess a majority of wins with thirty-two against twenty-four, one race having resulted in a dead-heat. Though the race had been considered a certainty for Cambridge, the glorious weather induced the public to assemble all along the course in large numbers, and the absence of excitement did not deter some from exercising their lungs in the way of cheers. For the first time in the history of the race there were two brothers (Etherington-Smiths) in opposing crews, and it is perhaps noteworthy that H. B. Kittermaster (Oxford) is the heaviest man (14 st. 6 lb.) who has ever taken part in the race. Duty to his country—he sailed for South Africa with the Sussex Yeomanry on Saturday morning—prevented H. D. McLean from witnessing the race, for which he had so assiduously looked after Oxford. May he speedily return covered with distinction, and help Oxford to do better another year! So far, in these

Inter-University Contests,

Oxford have won seven and Cambridge five. The Dark Blues' victory in the golf match at Sandwich was most remarkable. Not only did they win by sixty-nine holes to none, but the play of five of the team was distinctly

W. G. Paget-Tomlinson (Aldenham and Trinity Hall, Cambridge),

WINNER OF THE 120 YARDS' HURDLE RACE.

high-class. Cambridge will probably add to their successes at the Queen's Club on April 9 and 10.

South London Harriers.

The spring meeting of this popular old club came not up to expectations. A succession of frosts had left their mark on the turf at Kennington Oval, and though the sun shone during Saturday morning, the ground remained heavy and wet. There was an attractive programme, but the London public's appetite for athletics proved not keen. There was an invitation scratch quarter, in which R. W. Wadsley was down to compete, but ill-success in the hundred yards handicap probably deterred him. At any rate, he did not turn out, and the race went to E. J. Ottey, Goldsmiths' Institute, in 54 sec. More interest appeared to be taken in the four-miles' team race than any other event. Thanks to the excellent running of C. Bennett, who was first home, and H. L. Gibbs, the Finchley Harriers gained a tolerably easy victory. Bennett's running was watched with much attention, in view of his declared intention of trying to improve the record in the

Ten Miles Championship

race to be run at Stamford Bridge on Saturday in the present week.

Football.

At the Crystal Palace on Saturday the International League match attracted a large number of persons, and afforded a fast and interesting game. The result was a draw of two goals each, but as Scotland's second goal was obtained just on the nick of time, and through the ball glancing off a rival half-back's leg, it may be considered they were somewhat lucky. Bishop Auckland has won the Amateur Cup, and Leicester, for the third year in succession, has secured the Midland Cup. Aston Villa and Sheffield United continue to hold chief places in the League competition, though the latter was beaten by Notts Forest on Saturday. Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sunderland come next with 35 points each. Southampton, in the Southern League, were victorious over Bedminster, as were Tottenham Hotspur over Gravesend, but Millwall could only draw with Sheppey United. England and Scotland meet at Queen's Park, Glasgow, on Saturday in the present week.

BANSHEE.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

N. E. H.—You must make some arrangement with your father. You cannot claim anything unless there is an agreement.

E. C.—You, of course, are only liable for the amount you owe and costs. But the Judge would make an order for the lesser amount and costs.

COLLIE.—An equitable charge would probably answer your purpose. But we should advise you to let a solicitor draw it.

X. Y. Z.—It is always advisable to have a will drawn up

The Rev. C. R. Thomas (Oxford), tied with A. M. Hollins (Oxford) in the 100 yards.

THE TIE FOR THE 100 YARDS.

by a solicitor. We cannot advise whether a particular will is in proper form without seeing it. You cannot avoid the duty.

B. V.—You would appear to be liable to pay income-tax.

JENNIE.—The creditors or mortgagees could not claim the furniture belonging to the bankrupt's wife or children.

LEX.—B, as executor of A's will, is only liable to the extent of A's estate.

VANT.—Instruct a solicitor to prepare a Deed Poll.

J. WILLIAMS.—You have a fair chance of success if you sue for the penalties; but you would require a solicitor's assistance.

KHAKI.—You should apply for particulars of the assessment to the respective vicars.

OTHER REPLIES in next week's *P.I.P.* LEX.

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HAIR DYE

HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE QUEEN'S Visit to Ireland.—Her Majesty, Princess Christian and her daughter, Victoria, and Princess Henry of Battenberg, attended by the Royal suite, left Windsor last Monday evening for Ireland; travelling to the Welsh coast by special London and North-Western train, in which they slept at one of the stations en route. On Tuesday morning the Queen embarked in the Royal yacht *Victoria and Albert* at Holyhead, after breakfast, and crossed the Irish Sea under a naval escort to Kingstown. On the arrival of the Royal yachts in the afternoon, the War-ships, dressed in rainbow fashion and manned, fired a salute of twenty-one guns, and as she passed through the lines, the bands played and the men sang the National Anthem. Her Majesty and the Princesses dined and slept on the yacht, and on landing on Wednesday morning they drove, through thronged streets and cheering people, to the Viceregal Lodge in the Phœnix Park.

Visitors Arrived in Dublin from all parts of England, Ireland, and Scotland; and the city itself was magnificently decorated, thousands of workmen having been engaged embellishing the streets and preparing for the illuminations. In Dame Street and College Green the decorations were of a more essentially Irish character than elsewhere. The tramway electric poles were draped in green cloth, while gilt harps were placed on the intervening standards. Round the Grattan Statue the decorations were principally in evergreens, with four large harps at the corners of the pedestal. The day of Her Majesty's entry into Dublin was observed as a holiday throughout the city and suburbs.

The Prince of Wales and Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), attended by the Hon. S. Greville, left town last Sunday for the purpose of taking leave of the Queen previous to her departure for Dublin. Their Royal Highnesses had luncheon with Her Majesty. The Prince left Windsor at four o'clock, and returned to London, whither he was followed by Princess Louise in the evening. The Princess of Wales (who remained at Sandringham) will be accompanied to Copenhagen by the Prince on the occasion of the forthcoming celebration of King Christian's birthday.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York gave birth to a son at half-past seven o'clock last Saturday morning. Her Royal Highness and the infant Prince are doing well. This is the fourth child born to the Duke and Duchess. The others are: Prince Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David of York, born June 23, 1894; Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George of York, born Dec. 14, 1895; Princess Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary of York, born April 25, 1897. The newly born Prince is fifth in succession from Her Majesty the Queen.

The Duke of Norfolk Goes to the Front.—The people of Great Britain are in one sense, at least, the poorer because their popular Postmaster-General has resigned for the purpose of becoming a military man in real earnest. His tenure of office was signalised by several necessary reforms. A many-sided man is the Duke of Norfolk. He is Premier Duke and Earl, and Hereditary Earl Marshal of England—no higher rank can be conferred on one not of Royal blood. He is rich, for he owns large tracts of land in the middle of Sheffield, which bring in great ground rents. He owns Arundel Castle, one of the most beautiful seats in England. He is high in favour with the Conservative Party, and has held office in several Administrations. He is of historic lineage, his ancestors having

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK.

played no mean part in our island story. He is the favourite son of the Roman Church, giving large donations to its work, and receiving the special favour of Pope Leo and Cardinal Vaughan. The Duke succeeded his father forty years ago. What makes the Duke's anxiety to serve the more remarkable is that, being in his fifty-third year, he can hardly be called any longer young. Yet, with the exception of Volunteer and Yeomanry work, he has had no military experience. Nor does he suggest the soldier in his appearance. There is scarcely a less martial-looking warrior in our ranks. A stranger would almost certainly take him to be a shrewd man of business, and in that sphere he has shone with no little brilliancy.

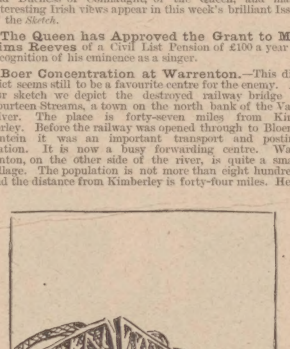
The New Postmaster-General.—It is officially announced that the Queen has been pleased to signify her approval of the appointment of the Marquis of Londonderry to be Postmaster-General, in the room of the Duke of Norfolk. Lord Londonderry is the sixth Marquis, and his title is Marquis and Earl of Londonderry, Viscount Castlereagh, and Baron Londonderry in the peerage of Ireland; Earl Vane, Viscount Seaham, and Baron Stewart in the peerage of the United Kingdom. He was born in 1852, and in 1875 married the eldest daughter of the nineteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, by whom he has issue. Three years later his Lordship entered the House of Commons as member for County Down, and continued there until his succession to the Upper House on the death of his father in 1884. On the formation of the Salisbury Government in 1886 the noble Marquis proceeded to Ireland as Viceroy, holding the position until 1889, when he was succeeded by the Marquis of Zetland. His ancestor was the Viscount Castlereagh who carried out the Act of Union.

Mr. Justice Day, who is a widower, is about to marry again. The bride is Miss Westley, a lady residing in Rutland Gate.

Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia of Connaught, who had been staying with the Queen, left Windsor Castle last Sunday afternoon, in order to rejoin the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The latter stays at Farnleigh, Lord Iveagh's place, while the Queen is residing at the Viceregal Lodge. Lifelike portraits of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, of the Queen, and many interesting Irish views appear in this week's brilliant Issue of the *Sketch*.

The Queen has Approved the Grant to Mr. Sims Reeves of a Civil List Pension of £100 a year in recognition of his eminence as a singer.

Boer Concentration at Warrenton.—This district seems still to be a favourite centre for the enemy. In our sketch we depict the destroyed railway bridge at Fourteen Streams, a town on the north bank of the Vaal River. The place is forty-seven miles from Kimberley. Before the railway was opened through to Bloemfontein it was an important transport and posting station. It is now a busy forwarding centre. Warrenton, on the other side of the river, is quite a small village. The population is not more than eight hundred, and the distance from Kimberley is forty-four miles. Here

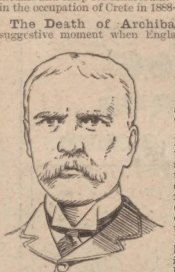


THE VAAL BRIDGE AT WARRENTON

a large Boer force recently attacked the British, who were under the command of Colonel Money. The enemy expended many thousand rounds of Mauser and much big gun ammunition to little effect, save the killing of cattle and horses. Our troops behaved with the greatest coolness. The bursting of our shrapnel shells on the side of the river in the possession of the enemy was magnificent. The total casualties reported on our side consisted of Gunner Showering of the 20th Battery Royal Artillery, shot in the leg. There were numerous grazes and hair-breadth escapes. The Volunteer company of the Northumberland Fusiliers were under fire for the first time. Lance-Corporal Baker, of that regiment, being shot through the leg. It may be taken for granted that the headquarters of the Fighting Fifth have arrived at Warrenton, and that Colonel Money is now the senior officer at that station. Colonel Charles Gilbert Colvin Money is the son of Mr. Gilbert P. Money, a member of the Bengal Civil Service, and was born on Sept. 7, 1852. Colonel Money in 1881 married a daughter of Mr. Alexander Johnston, of the Bengal Civil Service. Having been educated at Harrow, he in 1872 entered the 5th Fusiliers, afterwards known as the Northumberland Fusiliers. In the Soudan Campaign of 1898 he commanded the 1st Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers being mentioned in despatches, and receiving the C.B. and medals and clasp for Khartoum. He also did good service in the occupation of Crete in 1888-89.

COLONEL MONEY.

The Death of Archibald Forbes at such a suggestive moment when England is fighting its second most important campaign of the century, is an event of more than ordinary interest, since he was the connecting link between the Crimea and to-day. In the Crimea the great W. H. Russell won his spurs—he who through the *Times* under the Delane editorship aroused the people of this country to the desperate straits of our men, and the evil plight of our army through the dishonesty of contractors, the carelessness of our War Office, and the utter breakdown of our organisation. Yet Forbes, the brilliant, intrepid correspondent of a quarter of a century later, is gone, and Russell still survives



THE LATE ARCHIBALD FORBES.

and edits the *Army and Navy Gazette* with as much enthusiasm as ever. Mr. Forbes was born in 1838, educated in Aberdeen University, and served in the Royal Dragoons. It was that exceedingly shrewd and able newspaper manager, Sir John R. Robinson, who practically made the reputation of Archibald Forbes by securing his services as war-correspondent for the *Daily News*. In that capacity Archibald Forbes cheerily surmounted enormous difficulties to provide the *Daily News* promptly with most graphic narratives of the chief battles of the France-German War, the Russo-Turkish Campaign, and the Zulu War, in which he added to his well-won renown by riding night and day for a distance of 120 miles to cable the description of the victory of Ulundi first to the paper he represented so effectively.

The Tributes of Lord Wolseley and Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., to the Genius of Archibald Forbes in last Tuesday's *Daily News* were of the most cordial nature. But in its laudable endeavour to appraise the merits of its lately deceased War Special, the *Daily News* management is not likely to undernate

The Great Services in the Present War of Mr. Henry H. S. Pearse, who bore himself so bravely and nobly in besieged Ladysmith, the fights round which he has described as vividly with the pen as Melton Prior has limned them with the pencil for the *Illustrated London News*—notably in the last and current Numbers of that world-wide favourite, circulating more largely than ever, we are pleased to know.

Mr. Rider Haggard is to act in South Africa as correspondent for Mr. Pearson's new paper, the *Daily Express*. Mr. Rudyard Kipling is already acting in an editorial capacity on the Bloemfontein war gazette, to which he has contributed a poem on General Joubert.

"A Man of Forty," Mr. Frith's new play, is an Adelphi drama, written on comedy lines, and fits Mr. George Alexander with a most suitable part—that of a young middle-aged man who, after a trying period of poverty, has come into a fortune, and is subject to the many insiduous forms of temptation that a man of fortune is especially open to. Thus a married woman too fond of Sandown betting falls in love with him and his purse; but amid all the quicksands of life, "A Man of Forty" preserves his good-natured simplicity, and is altogether a charming character as portrayed by Mr. Alexander. The tragedy comes in when he marries a lady whom he has befriended, and is led to believe is a widow, whereas her rascally husband lives and is actually engaged to the wayward young daughter of "A Man of Forty." Here are materials for a powerful situation, of which the dramatist and actors make good use. The difficulty is solved by the convenient death of the villain from heart-disease. Mr. H. B. Irving doubles the parts of a good brother, who becomes Mr. Alexander's secretary, and of the bad brother, an actor who causes all the mischief and trouble. Miss Julie Opp, Miss Granville, Miss Fay Davis, Miss Carlotta Addison, Mr. C. Aubrey Smith, and Miss Esmé Beringer sustain the other rôles well.

The Forthcoming Drury Lane Drama by Mr. E. Vroom is called "Marsac of Gascony," and some of the incidents are said closely to resemble passages in a famous novel by Théophile Gautier called "Le Capitaine Fracasse." The story was very popular in France thirty years ago, being full of romantic adventures. It is very possible that the author of the new drama has merely founded his subject on similar scenes to those which suggested the novel of the French author who dramatised his story a quarter of a century ago.

The Stratford-on-Avon Festival.—The approaching festival at Shakspere's birthplace will this year have unusual interest, owing to the performance of some plays of the great poet rarely seen at the present day. Among these will be "Pericles," in which Mrs. John Coleman will appear. Mr. Herman Vezin and Miss Eleanor Calhoun will be seen in "Macbeth," and charming Miss Marion Terry is engaged for Rosalind and Portia.

"Samson Agonistes," Milton's great poetical drama, is to be performed on Saturday in the Lecture-Room of the South Kensington Museum by the Elizabethan Stage Society.

The Royal Opera, Covent Garden, is being prepared for the coming season, which promises to be a brilliant one. The idea that the war would have an unfavourable effect on the fortunes of the Royal Opera has happily proved baseless, the subscription for the coming campaign being unusually large. The noble house is being beautifully re-decorated, and various alterations in the stage arrangements will enhance the effect of the representations, especially in the Wagnerian operas, which will be a feature of the season.

President Kruger is displaying sound commonsense in giving place to General Louis Botha, whom Joubert nominated for the Commandant-Generalship on his death-bed. General Botha has for some time been ably superintending operations in the Biggarsberg, and is about

GENERAL LOUIS BOTHA,
GENERAL JOUBERT'S SUCCESSOR.

the best tactician the enemy now possess. He is a leader who has made a name for himself during the present campaign, and was up to the time of his promotion the senior of the Boer Generals in Natal. General Botha inaugurated his supreme command of the Federal forces by inflicting a serious blow upon the British troops on the east of Bloemfontein. The General has already shown himself to be possessed of plenty of pluck, and it is to be hoped that he will also prove to be an honourable foe—as honourable as his predecessor.

Mr. Harry Farjeon, son of the well-known author, as been winning fame as a composer. Not long since he produced an opera, and recently, at the Westminster Orchestral Society, young Mr. Farjeon produced some charming pieces on fairy tales by the Danish poet, Hans Christian Andersen. "The Little Tin Soldier," was the most successful of these, the young composer's command of the orchestra being remarkable. He will probably become a famous musician.

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H.M.S. "AUSTRALIA," ONE OF THE WAR-VESSELS WHICH CONVOYED THE QUEEN'S YACHT TO IRELAND.

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Tracked by the Typewriter.

BY W. KESTERTON DOWIE.

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It was certainly a most annoying affair, and there was some excuse for the deep anathema which came from George Heriot's lips, as he read the contents of the brief letter in his hand.

"What's wrong, old man?" asked his chosen chum and companion, Bertie Vane, from the other side of the breakfast-table.

"It's that most dasturdly of all things—an anonymous letter," was the brief reply.

"Chuck it behind the fire, and have some of these devilled kidneys before they get stone cold," was Bertie's shrewd advice.

"That's what I did with the first, and the second too," and Heriot scowled fiercely as he spoke. "And now here 's a third of the horrible things. Ah, don't I just wish I could have five minutes—only five minutes—with the sender."

"Disguised handwriting, of course?" queried Bertie.

"Not a bit of it—typewritten."

"May I have a look at it?"

Heriot hesitated for a moment, then he said—

"Well, old fellow, you see it doesn't concern me alone; if it did I wouldn't care a rap. But it 's a nasty insinuation against someone who 's a good deal dearer to me than I care to acknowledge."

"You mean Helen Carr?"

"Yes—I do; but how did you know?"

"Oh, most simple youth! As if anyone couldn't see how awfully gone you are in that quarter. Why, I've been expecting to hear the engagement announced any time this three months."

"No such luck," and Heriot shook his head mournfully. "I don't think she cares one little bit for me."

"Don't you!" replied his friend drily; "well, lookers-on see most of the game sometimes. But if you care so much for Miss Carr, don't you think you ought to try and find out who is traducing her?"

"Don't I only wish it were possible. I 'm not a rich man, but I'd give a pony to find out the writer of this vile thing. Here, have a look at it," and Heriot threw the letter in question across the table.

Bertie Vane picked it up, and scrutinised it carefully. It was short, merely containing an insinuation that the lady in question had bestowed her heart, and would willingly give her hand, to a suitor far below her rank in life, and whoever married her might rest assured that his wife's affection was already bestowed on, and would be retained by, the individual in question.

"Got such a thing as a microscope in the house, old fellow?" asked Bertie, after a prolonged examination of the letter.

"Eh! a microscope? Yes, I think so, but what the deuce has that got to do with it?"

"Show you directly—fetch the affair, will you?"

Obediently, but thoroughly puzzled, Heriot rose from the table, left the breakfast-room, and in a few minutes returned with a small mahogany box.

"Hasn't been used for years," he remarked, as he handed it to his friend; "not since I was bitten with an entomological craze at college."

"Never mind, it 'll answer our purpose, I daresay"; and Bertie opened the box as he spoke, placed the microscope in position, and then carefully focussed its tube on the letter, each line of which he examined carefully.

"Thought so," he at length exclaimed. "Now just come and have a look here, old man. See anything peculiar about that 'm'?"

Heriot peered through the microscope for a moment or two, and then said—

"Do you mean that line across the middle stroke?"

"Yes, I do. Now look at the next 'm' two lines below."

Heriot did so, and found the same slight malformation of the letter.

"But what does all this lead to?" he asked.

"I 'll tell you—it 's only my theory, you know, but I fancy it 'll work out. I believe that little line is caused by a small piece of hair, or something of that sort, which, by accident, has adhered to the surface of the letter."

"Well?"

"Now don't you get impatient, old fellow. We've got to do a little bit of detective business, and I fancy it 'll be rather fun, and keep us busy for a week or two. This thing," and he indicated the letter on the table, "has been written with a new 'Circle' typewriter. I can recognise the peculiar style of letter; but it 's only very recently introduced. Now we 've got to find out who have purchased 'Circles' recently, and next which of those machines has an 'm' which corresponds with this."

"And do you think we can do it?"

"At any rate, we can try. Now come along to the library, and we 'll take the first step."

A curtly worded letter was sent to the agent for the "Circle" typewriters, asking for price-lists, etc., and a specimen of the work done by the machine. And by return of post came a lot of descriptive pamphlets, etc., and a courteous letter from the manager written by the machine, which he, of course, described as the very best and most desirable ever invented.

An examination of this communication under the microscope revealed two important facts. Firstly, that a slight deformity in the tail of the capital "Q" existed in both the anonymous letter and the manager's note. This proved that all the type used in the "Circle" machines was cast from the same moulds. Secondly, the line across the small "m" was only to be found in the anonymous communication, a presumptive proof that it was a peculiarity of the machine used by the writer, and by that one alone.

"And now we 've got to find out who owns that machine," said Bertie; "put on your hat, and we 'll be off."

"Where to?" asked Heriot, who lost no time in obeying the order.

"We 'll go straight to the 'Circle' office, and see how far the manager can help us," replied Bertie, as he hailed a passing hansom, and the pair of amateur detectives were driven rapidly away.

"And how can I help you, gentlemen?" he asked, after listening to Vane's clear and lucid explanation.

"Well, you can give us a list of those who have purchased typewriters from you. I will write a letter to each of them, asking if they find the machine work easily, as I am thinking of buying one, and their name has been given me as a reference as to the quality, etc., of the typewriter. Then, if among the replies I find one in which the 'm' has the same peculiar line across it, I don't think the rest will be very difficult."

"A capital plan, Sir; but I think I can simplify your labours a bit," said the manager. "We generally ask our customers to write us a testimonial as to the working of the 'Circle' after they 've had it a little while, and the request is almost invariably complied with. Now we paste those letters in a big 'testimonial album,' as we call it. Suppose we look over that first? I 've got a large magnifying glass which perhaps will do for the purpose."

"Gone through them all, Sir?" asked the manager in half an hour.

"Yes—rather a waste of time, I fear. We shall have to give it up, I 'm afraid. Of course, if any machine should be returned to you for repairs with an 'm' such as I 've described, you 'll communicate with me. You shan't be a loser by it."

"Certainly, Sir. Sorry your search has been unsuccessful. Glad to assist you if it lies in my power."

Once in the street, and out of sight of the "Circle" premises, Bertie's conduct was peculiar.

"Got him, dear boy!" he exclaimed ecstatically. "Got him on a little bit of toast, and done as brown as brown can be."

"Got who? What the deuce do you mean?"

"Got the writer of that pretty little letter."

"Why, you said you hadn't found anything, and——"

"Of course; didn't want that fellow to know too, or he might have wanted to take a hand in our little game. Spotted that peculiar 'm' in the fourth or fifth testimonial I looked at. It was only written three weeks ago. I hope he 'll get his reward."

Heriot turned pale. Then he asked in tones that he vainly tried to steady—

"Well, who is it?"

"Mr. Harry Sinclair, Stella Chambers, Charing Cross," was the brief reply.

"Sinclair! Why, that 's that infernal cad that I caught cheating at blind hookey in my rooms at Caius, and kicked down the stairs—don t you remember?"

"Yes, and I remember that he swore he 'd be revenged on you for it. Looks as if he hadn't forgotten his oath, doesn't it?"

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Three days later, two athletic young men, one of whom carried a stout riding-whip, ascended the stairs leading to Stella Chambers, and knocked at the outer door of the rooms occupied by Mr. Harry Sinclair. The door was opened by that gentleman himself, who, catching sight of his visitors, endeavoured to close it again; but a foot pushed forward foiled the attempt. Sinclair was thrust back into the passage, the two young men entered, and unceremoniously led the trembling Sinclair into his sitting-room.

"What does this —— intrusion mean?" he asked with a fair attempt at bluster.

"Most happy to explain," said Bertie suavely. "We have an idea, and a pretty good one too, that you 've been sending anonymous letters to my friend Heriot, in which you have slandered a young lady. We're just going to see if we 're right. Here, Heriot, just keep watch and ward over this gentleman while I apply the finishing test. If he tries to get away knock him down."

"Oh, he won't get away," said Heriot, handling his whip with much ostentation.

For a minute or two Bertie was busy with the "Circle" which stood on the writing-table. Then he examined the paper on which he had been experimenting with a pocket magnifying glass.

"It 's all right, old boy; here 's the 'm' just as we expected. Now you have your little innings, while I mount guard outside."

For the next two or three minutes there was a sound from the interior of Mr. Sinclair's rooms as if someone were beating carpets with unwonted vigour, and then Heriot rejoined his friend, looking flushed but radiantly happy.

"Best exercise I've had for years," he exclaimed, settling his collar, which had become somewhat disarranged. "But it 's thirsty work; let 's go and have a drink."

In the library of the bijou residence occupied by the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Heriot, is a "Circle" typewriter, on an ebony stand, which is used alike by both Heriot and his charming wife; while among the whips and other trophies which hang over the mantelpiece of the master's "den" is a stout and serviceable jockey's whip, which the Hon. Mrs. Heriot insists on dusting with her own fair hands.

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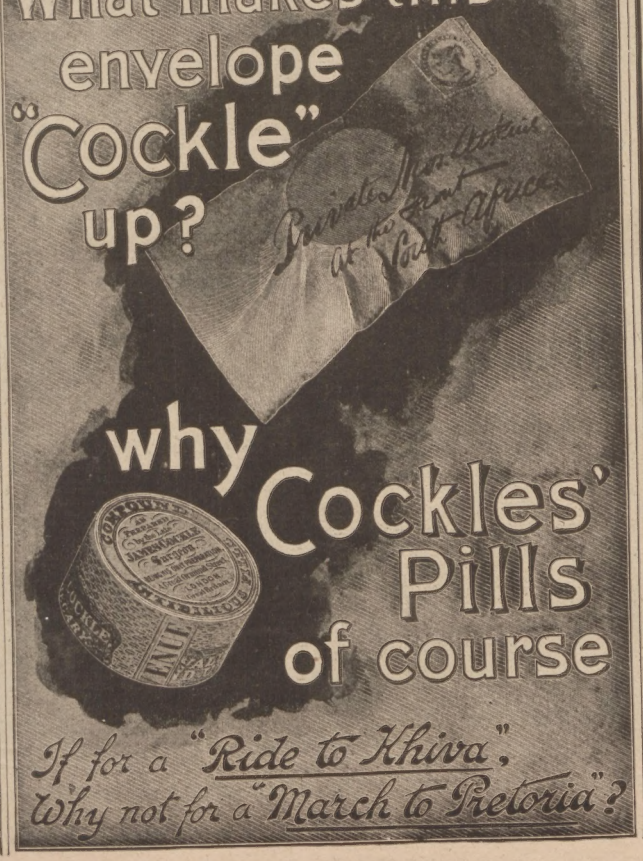

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BY A FRESH HAND.

Booted Bantams.

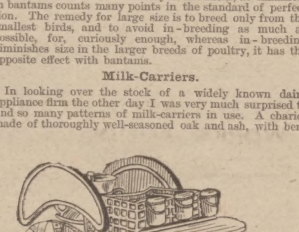
BANTAMS, although of no very great use from a housewife's point of view, are kept by many country folk mainly on account of their pleasing appearance. On a trim and well-kept lawn, in an orchard, or a large enclosed run, the dwarf fowls certainly look very well, and, as there is always a very ready sale of their eggs for hatching, they can be made to pay their way quite as well as any other variety. Another thing in their favour, they can be kept in very little room. In previous articles I have described several of the leading species, but booted bantams, dealt with this week, are not bred to the degree they deserve to be. As a matter of fact, comparatively few are now to be seen at any of the shows, though some ten or twelve years ago a spurt was made by a few enthusiastic breeders to

A BOOTED BANTAM.

popularise them. It is just possible that the difficulty of maintaining the leg and toe feathers in good condition deters many fanciers from breeding booted bantams, but though these points may be an objection in one way, they are certainly an advantage in another, by preventing them from scratching; hence they can be kept in a flower or vegetable garden without the least fear of their disturbing the newly sown seeds. They are divided into four varieties, the whites, blacks, mottles, and whiskered, and the one great fault to be found with all is a tendency to be too large in size, which is naturally a detriment, as smallness in bantams counts many points in the standard of perfection. The remedy for large size is to breed only from the smallest birds, and to avoid in-breeding as much as possible, for, curiously enough, whereas in-breeding diminishes size in the larger breeds of poultry, it has the opposite effect with bantams.

Milk-Carriers.

In looking over the stock of a widely known dairy appliance firm the other day I was very much surprised to find so many patterns of milk-carriers in use. A chariot made of thoroughly well-seasoned oak and ash, with bent



A MILK-BARROW.

handles and best tested steel springs, appeared to be very popular, especially in districts where hand delivery is the mode of conveyance; but, to my mind, the light two-wheeled milk-barrow, which runs very smoothly and lasts well, is more suitable for town trade. The illustration gives a good idea of its appearance. Cheaper still, and quite as adaptable, are the carriages of wrought iron, very strong, and so constructed that the vessel can be instantly raised on or lowered from the axle of the carriage by the person using it. This is, however, more suitable for use in the country. The perambulators, so very common both in town and country, are much stronger in every particular, and are, of course, far more expensive. Carts and vans are quite apart, and only dairy-keepers handling large quantities of milk can consider such conveyances. On receipt of inquiries I will, however, at once forward any further particulars asked for.

Worms in Dogs.

My Weymouth correspondent, "Dog," should send 1s. 1d. in stamps to Rackham and Co., the Depôt, Norwich, for a box of worm-powders. In writing, state the age and breed of the terrier.

Employment.

I am much interested in the letter of "A Constant Reader," and regret that, personally, I cannot assist her in obtaining employment for self and family. A small advertisement in *Farm, Field, and Fireside* (1, Essex Street, Strand) or the *P.I.P.* might be the means of my correspondent being brought into communication with a gentleman requiring a dairy manageress. I am a firm believer in advertising.

Country Cottages.

Several correspondents have written with reference to the paragraph on the subject of cottages in the country. The letters of those requiring small holdings I am keeping by me, and when I hear of anything suitable they may expect to hear from me. Again, I must impress on owners the importance of giving the fullest particulars possible. Places may be very nice, but unless I know the rent I cannot bring them before the notice of any inquirers.

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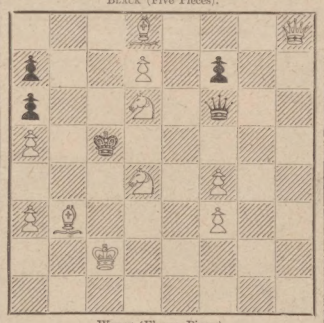
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 315.

1. Q to K Kt 3rd	K takes B	2. R to B 6th,	Mate
1. ,,	P takes B	2. Q to K 1st	,,
1. ,,	P to Q 6th	2. Q to Kt 6th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 316.—By P. SIEDESFCHNUR.

BLACK (Five Pieces).



WHITE (Eleven Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

A fine game played by MR. JACOBS on Board No. 8 in the Cable Match.

WHITE (Herbert Jacobs, England).	BLACK (S. W. Bampton, America).	WHITE (Herbert Jacobs, England).	BLACK (S. W. Bampton, America).
1 P to K 4th	P to K 4th	13. Castles	R to K 1st
2. P to K B 4th	P to Q 4th.	14. P to B 3rd	R to B 1st
3. K Kt to B 3rd	Q P takes P	15. Q to Kt 3rd	K to R 1st
4. Kt takes P	B to K 3rd	16. B to K 3rd	Kt to Q 4th
5. Q Kt to B 3rd	K Kt to B 3rd	17. Q to R 3rd	B to B 3rd
6. Q to K 2nd	P to B 3rd	18. Kt to Kt6(ch)	B P takes Kt
7. Q Kt takes P	Kt takes Kt	19. P takes P	R takes Kt P
8. Q takes Kt	B to K 2nd	20. R takes B	P to K R 3rd
9. P to Q 4th	Kt to Q 2nd	21. B takes P	R to R 5th
10. B to Q 3rd	Kt to B 3rd	22. R takes R (ch)	Q takes R
11. Q to K 2nd	Castles	23. B to Kt 5th	Resigns.
12. P to B 5th	B to Q 2nd		

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The annual chess match between Oxford and Cambridge was played at the British Chess Club on Friday. Cambridge has won in the past twenty-six matches at the ratio of about two to one. Cambridge again prevailed, with the score of 5 to 2, as follows—

OXFORD.		CAMBRIDGE.	
F. Soddy (Merton)	0	C. Tattersall (Trinity)	1
A. George (New College)	0	H. G. Softlaw (Trinity Hall)	1
G. Ellis (Lincoln)	0	C. Wilcs (St. John's)	1
H. Wilton (Magdalen)	1	R. Colman (Trinity)	0
F. Babcock (Wadham)	1	W. Burnell (Caius)	0
H. Arthur (New College)	0	J. Wright (Trinity)	1
G. Waterfield (Christ Church)	0	W. Ostle (Jesus)	1
	2		5

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THANKS to all.

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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 277.—By J. MORRIN.

Black: 4, 7, 11, 15, 19, 24, 27K.
White: 12, 17, 20, 28, 31, 25K.

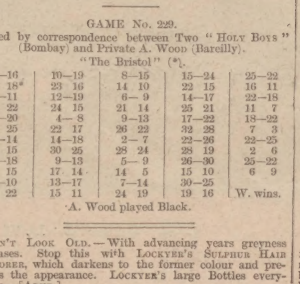
Black to move, and win.

4—8	11—16	19—23	32 - 21
12 3	20 11	28 19	
15—18	18—22	27—32	B. wins.
3 10	25 18	18 27	

PROBLEM NO. 278.

By J. WILLIAMS (Ebbw Vale).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME NO. 229.

Played by correspondence between Two "HOLY BOYS" (Bombay) and Private A. Wood (Barcilly).

"The Bristol" (*).

11—16	10—19	8—15	15—24	25—22	
22 18*	23 16	14 10	22 15	16 11	
8—11	13—17	6— 9	14—17	22—18	
25 22	24 15	21 14	25 21	11 7	
16—20	4— 8	9—13	17—22	18—22	
29 25	22 17	26 22	32 28	7 3	
10—14	14—18	2— 7	22—26	22—25	
18 15	30 25	28 24	28 19	2 6	
11—18	9—13	5— 9	26—30	25—22	
22 15	17 14	14 5	15 10	6 9	
7—10	13—17	7—14	30—25		
25 22	15 11	24 19	19 16	W. wins.	

A. Wood played Black.

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WHEN the rigours of "nor'easters," and other uncomfortable freezers attendant on the past month—whose exit was not so lamblike as tradition would have us believe—have substantially subsided, we shall see more of one of the marked features of coming millinery for this season's wear. This consists of the crinoline straw in its airiest and lightest makes, which have such a summery appearance, and are such delightfully light wear. These straws are making a big show in Paris, and will doubtless become equally conspicuous with us a little later, when less suggestive of neuralgia and colds in the head. In Fig. 1 this week I introduce a model of one of these pretty chapeaux. This is of very fine and open-work crinoline, of the yellow tint of most Tuscan and "crin" straws. It has a high crown and moderate brim, tilting upwards on the left side. The trimming consists of geranium-coloured velvet, arranged in ropes, and bouquets of geraniums, which will be one of the millinery flowers of the season, and wonderfully reproduced.

THE NEW STRAW.

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The Inventor of the Blouse-Bodice ought to be crowned with a specially refulgent halo in acknowledgment of the inestimable boon thereby conferred on her myriad followers. The variety of this accommodating garment is endless, its possibilities immense; and last, though not least, to the many it is economical, making the greatest show with the smallest expenditure, owing to its demand for a corresponding skirt being nil, as most well-conducted bodices of

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All the Best Houses still show these "waists," in endless moods and tenses, so we can but conclude they will still go on their triumphal way this, as many previous, seasons. The one shown in Fig. 2 is distinctly new and smart. Emerald-green velvet is the main portion, with an application of green guipure, from under which comes a pouched front of silk of the same shade as velvet. A great deal of silk will be used this summer, and a determined effort will be made to bring Irish silk to the fore. Irish guipure and crochet are also to be much favoured by fashionables, and green to be one of the principal colours expressing the current modes.

BLACK-AND-WHITE CHECK.

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Black-and-White Checks will once more be recognised. They were so widely worn last summer it seemed more than likely they would be taboo this; but leading tailors are again showing costumes of it. They are so delightfully fresh and natty looking, we can ill afford to give them up. In Fig. 3 I give one of the newest models in this material. It is finished by rather broad black braid round all the edges, with a narrow one heading it, and is fastened by two large fancy buttons.

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Erin's Green Isle.

will have a full and fair share of tourist custom, since Her Most Gracious Majesty has set the example. Certain I am that all who

EARL AND COUNTESS CADOGAN.

venture across St. George's Channel when the leaves come out and sunshine gladdens the land will rejoice in the verdant meadows, bold mountains, and flashing lakes and streams, and will be so delighted with the welling-over humour of Pat and the blue-eyed beauty of Erin's sweet daughters as to resolve to return again and again to Ireland for a beneficial and brightening holiday change.

Earl and Countess Cadogan

have proved most genial, kindly, and hospitable representatives of the Queen in Dublin. A wise and truthful nobleman, whose good qualities the late Lord Beaconsfield was quick to recognise, a Peer of vast wealth and personal graciousness, Earl Cadogan has the good fortune to be wedded to the most charming of noble ladies, the fourth daughter of the second Earl of Craven. This happily mated couple are portrayed to the life in the Royal Irish Number of the *Sketch*, which has attracted so much attention in Ireland this week. So well have the Earl and Countess discharged their onerous duties in Ireland that it is reported that the title of Marquis or a Dukedom will be conferred by Her Majesty on the noble Earl.

Of the Viceregal Lodge,

the temporary residence of the Queen and of the Princesses and suite accompanying Her Majesty, a sketch is given. It occupies a delightful site, facing the Phœnix Park. There are glorious drives adjacent. If the contemplated Royal Garden-Party take place in the grounds, Irish

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The Announcement of Two Royal Drawing-Rooms in May—

the first to be held by the Queen in person—should impart a needed stimulus to the opening of the London Season.

I may mention a few of the charming novelties in dress that are written about and sketched in the Spring Number of the *Lady's Pictorial*. It is both unexpected and satisfactory to know that although the pleated skirt has appeared,

The Tunic,

over the flounced underskirt, is still worn, and, therefore, any of my readers who has in her wardrobe a gown made in that style can safely take it out for wear during the coming season without any dread of appearing out of the fashion. At Redmayne's, in Bond Street, it is possible this spring to get

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Blue-Grey Will be Very Much Worn

this season. It is a soft and becoming colour; black and white in many charming combinations may also be in favour.

The Sunshades and Parasols

in black and white are especially worthy of notice. Many of those described by "Butterfly," which can be seen at Messrs. Shoolbred's, I have myself admired and coveted. They are made of white silk, and so finely embroidered in black silk that the embroidery looks like lace. The linings are of gathered chiffon. There is nothing more dainty and ladylike than a sunshade of black and white if the costume repeats the combination.

More Simple and Elegant Toques

than have been in vogue for some time appear to be coming in, and I hope they will hold their own. Tulle seems to be much in favour for the composition of these toques, as well as for trimming straw, but it is not, I think, when in black, the prettiest material that can be chosen. Black tulle is very dull, and when a mass of it is used, it is not becoming.

Bright Chiffon

is better, in my opinion. Black tulle always looks rusty. I have not, as yet, seen any of the crushed bows which I was told were coming into favour. The trimmings on hats and toques still aspire stiffly, and are as tall as they were last season. Perhaps, before the end of the summer, they may descend an inch or two. There is no hard and fast rule, I notice, about the way in which the trimming is placed on hats and toques this spring. It may be massed in front or at the side; but the majority of the wearers seem to prefer it at the side. It is, as a rule, more becoming; but when it is not becoming, it generally gives the wearer a ludicrous appearance. I have been told that

Natural Feathers,

that is, undyed, are in great favour; but I have not seen any. Except on the large picture "hats," very few feathers are used; flowers are more in favour for toques and bonnets. I have not seen the tulle toques trimmed with ostrich feathers which are said to be fashionable in Paris.

Meanwhile, as we chatter about dress and fashion, autumn has set in in South Africa, and, although there is now and then hot sun by day, the nights are cold and often wet, and

Dear, Brave Tommy Atkins

will very soon be in need of home comforts. He is one of the most uncomplaining as well as the bravest of men, and I am glad to note that the Under-Secretary for War said, in answer to a recent question in the House of Commons, that we need not fear that there will be any lack of

Warm Garments for the Troops.

I know that heaps and heaps of parcels are being sent out by kind friends at home, but the difficulty is not to get them over the sea, but up country, after they reach the other side. Few of us at home who have not studied the maps and read books upon the subject have any idea what an enormous country South Africa is, and what a distance lies between one place and another. There is also but one line of railway running between the different parts of the colonies. The trains are slow, and now so blocked with stores for the feeding of our army that parcels that seem unnecessary are left behind. Few people, too, are aware that the little

Border Town of Mafeking

is 225 miles from Kimberley, and at present the railway line between the two has been damaged and broken up in places, so that trains cannot run to and fro. The Boers tear up the rails and destroy the bridges, and they have already done damage to the amount of about a million pounds in our possessions, while we have not looted as much as one farm or homestead in theirs. They are now destroying our coal-fields near Ladysmith, and are threatening to do the same with the gold-mines, many of which belong to their dear French and German friends.

I have

A Few Interesting Books

to mention. One is a novel called "By Order of the Company," by Mary Johnston. It is a first-rate romance. Other good novels are "Yeoman Fleetwood," by M. E. Francis, and "The Great God Circumstance," by Helen Shipton. Mr. J. Maclaren Cobban has written a spirited story of the Transvaal War of 1881, in which will be found an account of the treachery at Potchefstroom.

War Literature Increases

day by day. The letters from the late G. W. Steevens, written from Ladysmith, where he died before the relief, are well worth reading.

I have had a letter from a young reader who is

Engaged to be Married,

and she asks, among other things, if it is "unlucky" to let her future husband see her in her wedding-dress when she tries it on to see if it is "all right" before the wedding-day. I should like her, or anyone else, to explain to me what people stupidly, as I think, call the good or ill luck of the married life of a woman has to do with her wedding-gown? If my correspondent and her future husband care for one another in the right way, if they are one, not merely because the law has bound them to one another, but because they are in sympathy in heart and mind, and mean to be true and faithful until death do them part, then how can their happiness be affected by the putting on of a certain gown before a certain day? No, my dear girl, you may safely allow your future husband to see you in your pretty frock before the wedding-day, if you and he are about to be married not because you are attracted to one another by a passing fancy, but by the love that will never die.

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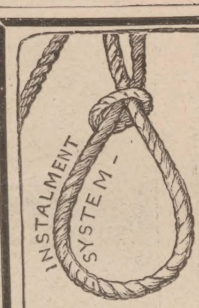

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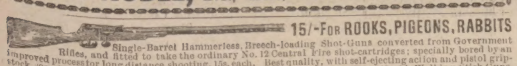

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Ambush II. Would Win the Grand National for the Prince of Wales

I landed one on the mark, being, as a matter of fact, quite accurate in my forecast. Had I gone farther and, beyond anticipating as I did that this would be a most popular victory, endeavoured to realise the scene incidental to the

Victory of the Royal Colours,

I should, for sure, have not limned them sufficiently glowingly. Ambush II. won, and won in fine style too. The fact that he stood up all the while may be taken as proving that he was in luck, for other horses much fancied—one of them Hidden Mystery, who, according to the market, was a little more fancied than the winner—got into trouble on their own account, or had it made for them by others.

For many months to come we shall find partisans arguing and refusing to agree as to whether

Hidden Mystery or Ambush II.

is the better horse at the weights. Certainly Mr. Nugent's mount was going uncommonly well when he got a foot through the bridle of the riderless Covert Hack and came to grief. Still, we have yet to know that Hidden Mystery can stay the course. About Ambush II.'s ability to compass the distance is no manner of doubt whatever, for he ran on stoutly when challenged in the last half-mile, and fairly

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Loyal as I am, I could not have felt sorry if Manifesto, with his enormous burden—twelve-thirteen—had triumphed; but that was not to be. Williamson, mercifully easing Manifesto when he found that Anthony was beating him,

Let Berzac Up into Second Place.

but I expect that most onlookers did not see who was second, because as soon as Ambush had beaten Manifesto they had no eyes but for the winner and the extraordinary scene that presented itself while the final stage of the triumph was being enacted.

There was Mr. Tommy Lushington,

spick and span, as usual, out on the course ready to marshal the horse he had bought for his Royal patron back to the weighing-room. There was

Lord William Beresford

making his way out of the stand on to the course, "going," to use the words of a sportsman whose nationality you cannot guess—"going" through 'em like water. There was

Lord Marcus Beresford,

backing Lord William up; there was the Chief of Police, very much official, also very much bumped about; there were many who considered themselves privileged being stood back by the police. Then there was

The Royal Winning Owner,

with his horse, leading him in, a process that Ambush II. would hardly have consented to willingly had he known what a course of massage he was to go through as soon as Anthony had passed the scale.

Can you call noise part of a scene? Noise makes a scene in a sense, so perhaps you may; but whether or no, there was noise in every position that made the Russians so uncomfortable neighbours to the chargers of Balaclava.

Everybody Shouted

to the best of their ability—the Irishmen perhaps more than anyone else, but that was only through superior lung-power, and not because of better will. Not even when

Persimmon Won the Derby

was there greater vocal demonstration. Lots yelled themselves hoarse to the degree of not being able to make you hear when they tried to talk to you the next day. I found three sportsmen in this condition on Saturday, and travelled with them to London. Not a word could I hear from these Irishmen, but then perhaps my having been shouted deaf had something to do with that.

The Prince was Immensely Delighted,

but scarcely could he be more pleased than was the whole company at his success. This victory was in every sense popular. Ambush II. was what is known as a public horse. Moreover, he had been a little harshly treated by the handicapper—at least so most of us thought. He is a good-tempered customer, otherwise after his long, tiring gallop he might have resented the attentions of too enthusiastic admirers, some of whose well-meant pats were in intensity entitled to be classed as slaps or bangs, and being distributed promiscuously, occasionally landed on tender and ticklish parts. Admiration in this regard did frequently outrun discretion, as witness the complimentary token offered by a fervent but short-armed congratulator who, taking thought, added to his natural reach and administered a sound whack with the fleshy part—may I call it fleshy part?—of an umbrella.

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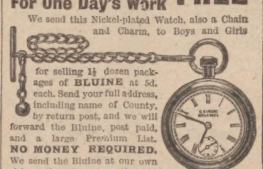

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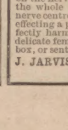

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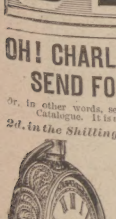

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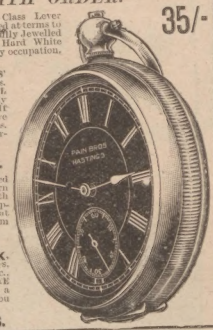

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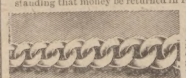

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